

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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RE: Important Information concerning new per unit payout value for the 2011-2012 academic year

Dear BEST Customer,

The Board for the Baccalaureate Education System Trust (BEST) recently convened to set the unit payout value for the upcoming 2011-2012 academic year. The following information is especially important if you will use BEST units during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The new unit payout value is \$72.15 from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012

All units redeemed during this period will be paid out at the \$72.15 per unit payout value, which is one percent of the Weighted Average Tuition (WAT) for the 2011-2012 academic year. This is an increase of 10.04 percent.

The payout value only regards those units that have been on the account for at least two calendar years. The payout value is one hundredth of the Weighted Average Tuition (WAT). This amount is calculated by using the average cost of a year's tuition and mandatory fees based on 15 hours per semester at all the four-year public universities in Tennessee. The average is then adjusted based on attendance at each school to determine the weighed average cost of tuition (WAT). The WAT is then divided by 100 to arrive at the payout value per unit.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions, or if you need additional information. You can reach us at our toll free customer service line at 1-888-486-BEST (2378) or (615) 532-8056 locally, or you may also reach us via e-mail at Best.Office@tn.gov . Thank you for being a BEST customer.

Kindest Regards,

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